ABSTRACT

A clutch driven disc assembly includes a hub and an annular spring plate fixed to the hub. A friction disc assembly is mounted concentric with an axis of rotation of the hub and is rotatably relative to the spring plate. A plurality of drive springs are operably disposed between the spring plate and the friction disc assembly. The friction disc assembly further includes a reinforcing plate and a substantially annular disc fixed to the reinforcing plate. A friction material button is fixed to the substantially annular disc. The friction material button has a friction material cookie and a backer plate. The backer plate is fixed to the friction material cookie. The backer plate is substantially the same size and shape as the friction material cookie. A laser weld bead joins the substantially annular disc and the backer plate, in turn fixing the friction material button to the substantially annular disc.